

# LEAGUE ADOPTED; PEOPLE RULE-WILSON

## EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR IN BIGHEART

Three Others Are Seriously Injured in Oklahoma Town and May Die.

## WAGON HITS RUT IN STREET

Nitroglycerin Driver Blown to Pieces When Heavy Charge Goes Off.

## TOWN IS BADLY DAMAGED

Eight Houses Are Demolished and City Is Cut Off; Panic Ensues Among People.

**The Dead.**  
W. H. English, driver of the wagon.  
Bob Kinkade, oil driver, riding with English.  
Mrs. E. Z. Collins.  
Four-year-old son of W. L. Harris.  
**The seriously injured:**  
W. L. Harris and wife, Alice.  
Helen and Opal Collins.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 25.—A wagon loaded with high explosives for use in the nearby oil fields, struck a rut in the street as it was being driven through the residence section of the little town of Bigheart, Okla., late this afternoon and as a result four people are dead tonight and at least three are badly injured and they are not expected to live, and several others slightly injured are being cared for in their homes.

The explosion rocked the entire town. Eight houses were completely demolished and some of the dead were killed by the falling debris. Not a building in the town escaped damage. A hole big enough to "bury a half dozen wagons" was torn in the street.

Panic ensued and at an early hour tonight the half-crazed populace had not been quieted. Telephone wires were thrown upon the ground and with the exception of a single railroad wire, the little city was cut off from the outside world.

## HOUSE HOLDING OUT AGAINST OIL RELIEF

Conferees Unwilling to Accept Senate Provision for 20 Per Cent Exemption on Property Sales.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Conferees on the war revenue bill still were disagreed today on several important questions, although ultimate agreement was predicted by both Senate and House managers. Still in dispute are war excess profits, estate inheritance, oil and second land postage rates and a few other minor differences.

Regarding second class postage rates, several senators predicted today that ultimately the Senate would yield to the Senate managers and eliminate from the bill.

## COMMISSION WILL FIRST DETERMINE HUN STRENGTH

PARIS, Jan. 25.—An effort to determine the strength and resources of the German army will be the first problem considered by the military committee appointed Thursday by the supreme war council to report on the strength of the allied and associated forces to be retained on the western front during the period of the armistice.

It was assumed that the Germans have about 500,000 men under arms, but it is necessary to confirm these figures and also to determine to what extent the manufacture of arms, munitions and other military supplies is going on.

## Colonel Slaughter Is Dead in Dallas, Tex.

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 25.—Col. Christopher C. Slaughter, pioneer explorer, Indian fighter, banker and philanthropist died here today. He had been in poor health since a bad fall some years ago while visiting in Waukesha, Wis. He was the first white child born in Texas after it became a republic.

## THE WEATHER.

TULSA, Jan. 25.—Maximum, 57; minimum, 40; northeast winds and clear.  
OKLAHOMA: Sunday and Monday fair, no decided change in temperature.  
LOUISIANA AND ARKANSAS: Sunday and Monday fair, moderate temperature.  
KANSAS: Sunday generally fair, moderate temperature; Monday and Tuesday, probably rain in south portion by night; Monday unsettled, probably rain in southwest portion.  
NEBRASKA: Fair Sunday and Monday; temperature above normal for several days.

## Wire Briefs

### SALARY INCREASES FOR POSTAL EMPLOYEES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Resident recommending salary increases for virtually all postal service employees, the annual postoffice appropriation bill as revised and reported out today by the Senate postoffice committee, proposes appropriations of \$300,000,000 during the next three years for construction and maintenance of roads.

### INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The annual Indian appropriation bill, carrying \$10,800,000, was passed today by the House and sent to the Senate.

### GENERAL ORRIGON TO OPPOSE CARRANZA.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 25.—Mexican newspapers received in San Antonio today that General Alvaro Obregon will be a candidate in opposition to President Carranza for the presidency of Mexico. The announcement was made by General Benjamin Hill, who said Obregon had chosen his candidacy in the hands of his friends.

### STRIKE IN PARIS COMES TO END.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The strike on the transportation lines of Paris came to an end today when the employees of the various companies announced they would resume transport facilities, decided to go back to work.

### MILITARY SEIZE IRISH COLLEGE.

DUBLIN, Jan. 25.—The military authorities have seized St. Enda's college in Dublin today, founded by Patrick Pearse, who was executed in connection with the eastern rebellion in 1916.

### CORPORATION COMMISSION CUTS OIL FREIGHT RATES

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 25.—Asserting its right to regulate interstate freight rates, the Oklahoma corporation commission today issued an order, effective March 1, putting into effect a new schedule of freight rates on the transportation of crude petroleum in Oklahoma which are approximately 50 per cent less than those now in effect, which were established by the United States railroad administration.

The order of the commission was issued in pursuance of the complaint of the Western Petroleum Refiners' association vs. W. G. McAdoo, the then director general of railroads in which it was charged that the existing rates prescribed by the railroad administration were excessive and discriminatory.

### Perishing Orders Boys to Write to Relatives

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Fathers of relatives and friends at home to hear from many members of the expeditionary forces has led General Pershing to effect that every man in the American army in France mail to his nearest relative a postcard giving the present location, state of health and military unit and writer General Pershing announced the order today and said special postcards were being supplied for the public.

### Startling Disclosures!

(See Page 6, This Section.)  
The fall of the mighty Hohenzollern dynasty is vividly described by Capt. Karl Schwarzkoff, attached to the Kaiser's personal staff in

### WHEN USNR GOT DISOWNED THE ALL-HIGH.

After Bulgaria's surrender the arch-tyrant saw his throne cracking. He cursed, he raved like a madman. He would have thrust his fatherland into civil war. He cursed Emperor Zita of Austria and swore vengeance. Schwarzkoff, the secretary, wrote him: "I and my colleagues will meet you in civilian attire." "I will not meet rebels," the Kaiser would have wired, but Prince Max, the messenger, screaming: "For God's sake, Wilhelm, do not send that telegram!"

### THEY START TODAY THE FIRST OF THREE START- LING ARTICLES APPEAR IN TODAY'S

## TULSA WORLD

OKLAHOMA'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER  
The second will appear in next Sunday's World.

## MARINE PROGRAM DEPENDS ON OIL

Rosseter, Director of Shipping Board, Declares Supply Would Solve Problem.

## COAL FUEL TO BE REPLACED

Petroleum Possesses Many Advantages in Operation; Better Service Given.

## PRODUCERS PLEDGE OUTPUT

Tentative Agreement Reached for Increasing Production for New Demands.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Plans looking to vastly increased use of oil fuel by American merchant vessels have been developed at conference between heads of the larger oil producing interests, ship owners and representatives of the shipping board. John H. Rosseter, Director of operations for the board, said today that details of the proposals tentatively accepted were being worked out preliminary to action toward establishment of additional oil bunkering facilities at various ports and co-operation with the oil producers to assure a steady supply of fuel.

"Oil fuel is the real solution of the American merchant marine problem," Mr. Rosseter said in outlining the policy under development. "What is chiefly necessary is complete co-operation of the various enterprises and interests concerned and during the last few days we have succeeded in reaching an understanding. I believe, with the oil producers preliminary to proceeding further. It would be manifestly uneconomical to establish new bunkering facilities in ports where they are now available and yet it will be necessary to widen the facilities for oil supply to vessels. We have consequently secured assurances that the existing plants will be operated in conjunction with the system the board is contemplating establishing. The question of price and the supply of bunkers has been gone over with results approaching satisfaction. The data as to necessary new construction and costs is being gathered preparatory to reporting to the board. For work so far, of course, has been preliminary only as the board has power to commit only itself to the enterprise."

"The importance of oil fuel to the future of the American merchant marine, the board can be overrated. It means the difference between success and failure in short. The increased steaming radius given to vessels operating with oil as against those operating with coal, the reduction in size of crews and the elimination of delays and loading costs are some of the considerations. Finally, the operation of ships with coal as fuel, especially through the tropics, means that black range must be maintained in the boiler holds, working under conditions that eventually drive out white men. This tends to the monopolization of these trades by nations whose shipping laws allow the employment on board vessels of Chinese, Chinese and Asiatic generally, against which American law stands as an effective bar."

## BOLSHEVISM HERE IF WHEAT PRICE BREAKS

John Fields Declares Southwestern Oklahoma Is Bankrupt Without Guarantee of \$2.

Unless the government guarantees approximately \$2 per bushel for this year's wheat a state of bolshevism is certain to develop in certain districts of Oklahoma, according to John Fields of Oklahoma City, editor of the Oklahoma Farm Journal, who was in Tulsa last night.

"Southwestern Oklahoma will be bankrupt," declared Mr. Fields, "if the wheat price falls. At the urging of the government and promised a guarantee of \$2 per bushel, they sowed more wheat than ever before and then with patriotic fervor borrowed to the limit to subscribe to the Red Cross and other war fund campaigns. Failure of the government to make good that guarantee will be disastrous."

Mr. Fields said Oklahoma had planted more than three and one-half million acres of wheat this year, a 10 per cent increase. The condition of the crop now is 100 per cent.

Reverting to the guarantee again he said the government could afford to pay the guarantee for the entire crop of the United States this year, a breaker though it is, and then dump the whole business into the ocean and still not have wasted as much money as was thrown away in guaranteeing mortgages.

Mr. Fields said Oklahoma farmers were in better shape than those of any other section of the state, Mr. Fields declared.

### Storm Warnings in East.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Advisory storm warnings were ordered delayed at 3 p. m. on the Atlantic coast south of Cape Hatteras and on the Gulf coast the storm warning was central near the mouth of the Mississippi river and it will increase in intensity as it moves northward.

## Royalists Meeting Defeat in Portugal



Ex-King Manuel of Portugal and Gaby Deslys, the cause of his dethronement. Below is Queen Augusta Victoria, Manuel's wife.

LISBON, Friday, Jan. 24.—The fighting in Lisbon between the republicans and monarchists has ended in victory for the republicans. Travelers who have arrived here from Oporto say that a military airplane flew over the city Thursday and dropped proclamations warning foreign citizens to leave the city unless they wished to become "victims of a hecatomb."

## MEMBERS OF HOUSE WILL VISIT SCHOOLS

Joint Trip by Lower Branch of Legislature to Be Taken Wednesday and Thursday This Week.

## ROBERTSON VETOES VETO

Governor Announces He Will Not Disapprove Measures Passed Unless Unconstitutional.

World's Capital Bureau.  
Bureau Head:  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 25.—The House of representatives will go on a junketing Wednesday and Thursday next week. The junkie trip will go to Norman Wednesday and to Stillwater Thursday. Governor Robertson, State Superintendent R. H. Wilson and John Whitehurst, president of the state board of agriculture, will be asked to accompany the junketers.

The idea is to find out at first hand just how much money the state university and the agricultural college need to go on for the next two years. The junkie idea is Governor Robertson's, although he did not suggest that the whole house go. He expected select committees to make the investigations.

The executive veto will not be used to thwart the will of the legislature. Governor Robertson told reporters today, except in cases where there is a doubt in the mind of the executive as to the constitutionality of the measure which is brought before him for his signature.

This statement sets at rest many reports which have been going the rounds since the legislature convened that various measures looking to the re-establishment of certain of those institutions which were put out of business through Governor Williams' use of the veto power four years ago, would be consigned to oblivion when they reached the governor's office. These reports have worried some people who are anxious that measures affecting their communities be passed at this session and it is especially welcome news to the friends of the Claremore military school which is proposed in Representative Tom Kitch's bill which passed the house yesterday. This bill which carries an appropriation of \$170,000 will be in the hands of Senators Luther Harrison, democrat, and E. E. Woods, republican, when it goes over to the other side of the corridor. The indications thus far are that there will be no determined opposition to it in the Senate.

## Yank Forces Second in Strength of Army on Day of Armistice

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—On the day that the armistice was signed the American army on the western front was second in strength only to that of France itself. Figures made public today by General March showed that on November 11, the United States was represented on the western front by 1,350,102 men, France, on November 11, the last date for which official figures were available, had 2,559,000. The British and the Portuguese attached to the British army totaled 1,715,000, while the Belgian and Italian forces on the western front aggregated about 200,000.

These totals are all based upon what is termed the "nation strength." This includes every soldier who has to be fed, both combatants and the necessary medical men and supply organizations.

## GOVERNMENT SAVES 15 BILLION DOLLARS

### Appropriation Bill Provides for Return to Treasury of 1 Billion and Cancellation of 5 Billion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Savings of more than \$15,000,000,000 in the contemplated war expenditures of the war and navy departments were reported to Congress today in a bill framed by the House appropriations committee. The measure provides for the return to the treasury of \$1,175,154,941 in cash and for the cancellation of authority for the departments to obligate the government for \$5,221,029,294 additional.

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Plava, Conceito is leading the royalist revolt in Portugal to place King Manuel on the throne once more. The royalists state that the king will not refuse to head the nation again. The revolt started after the assassination of the president in December. Manuel lost his throne because of his infatuation for Gaby Deslys, dancer. Manuel later married and with his wife has been living quietly in the country for the last few years. They are said to be very happy together.

## SUGGESTS MONOPOLY AS PACKER SOLUTION

Armour Wants Entire Industry Merged Under Supervision of Federal Government.

## SAYS COMBINATION EXISTS

General Fund Maintained Says Wilson at Senate Hearing But Defends It as Common Practice.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—J. Ogden Armour today suggested a monopoly, under government supervision, of the entire meat industry of the country as best for producer and consumer.

Testifying before the Senate agriculture committee, he declared that by this plan millions of dollars could be saved, which would increase the profits of producers of live stock and cut down the cost of meat to consumers.

The necessity of close government supervision was emphasized, however, by Mr. Armour.

"Such a concern must be regulated by the government," he told the committee, "because few men, with such enormous power, would use it properly."

There was no discussion of Mr. Armour's plan, which he proposed during the cross examination by Francis J. Heney, who conducted the federal trade commission packing house inquiry. The questioning then touched upon the alleged existence of a combination among the leading packers, which Mr. Armour denied.

Mr. Armour explained that the packers contributed to a general fund, such as might be used in joint legislative action, and said he believed this was a common practice among industries.

Payments were paid on a percentage basis, Mr. Heney asked, the basis adopted during a pool by these concerns many years ago "to prevent an over-supplied market."

Each of the companies he testified, now tried to maintain about the same share of business as at that time, but he denied that there was any actual agreement in that effect.

## Reds Fight in Berlin

LONDON, Jan. 25.—There were numerous casualties in heavy fighting between Spartacists and government forces in Berlin Thursday night, says an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

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The present conference, the president said, could not complete its work until some further machinery of arrangement should be set up. The president spoke earnestly.

"We are not here alone," he said, "as representatives of governments, but as representatives of peoples and in the settlements we make we need to satisfy, not the opinions of governments, but the opinions of mankind."

President Wilson contended that a league of nations must be a vital thing and not casual or occasional. It must have continuity.

"It should be the eye of nations, an eye which never slumbers," he declared.

On his travels the president said people everywhere had greeted the league as the first thing in their interest.

Following is President Wilson's address:

"Mr. Chairman: I consider it a distinguished privilege to be permitted to open the discussion in this conference on the league of nations. We have assembled for two purposes—to make the present settlements which have been rendered necessary by this war, and also to make the peace of the world secure. We are blessed by those people to whom it is that this strain does not come upon them again. And I venture to say that it has been possible for them to bear this strain because they have been able to get together after this war and make such another sacrifice unnecessary."

"It is a solemn obligation on our part, therefore, to make permanent arrangements that justice shall be rendered and peace maintained."

## World Pact Is Given Unanimous Vote of Envoys.

## DELEGATES ARE NAMED

Wilson and House Representative United States on Commission.

## TO FIX WAR RESPONSIBILITY

Blame Will Be Settled and Trial Is to Be Arranged.

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The delegates of the other great powers, it was learned tonight, will be:

For Great Britain—Lord Robert Cecil and General Jan Christian Smuts. For France—Leon Bourgeois and Ferdinand Larnaude, dean of the faculty of law of the University of Paris. For Italy—Premier Orlando and Vitorio Salasola. For Japan—Viscount Chinda and K. Ochiai. The delegates of the smaller nations will be announced later.

The conference at its second session today considered the proposals for the formation of a league of nations and afterwards made public the draft of the preliminary resolutions looking to the creation of the league.

The preliminary draft for a league of nations says that the league should have a permanent organization to carry out the business between meetings of the international conference of all the members.

It says that the conference should appoint a committee representative of all the governments and to provide the details of the constitution and functions of the league.

The draft calls for the appointment of a commission composed of two representatives of each of the five great powers and five representatives of the other powers to meet and report on the responsibility of the authors of the war.

The commission shall also inquire into breaches of laws and customs of war committed by Germany and her allies on the land and sea and in the air during the war, as well as in the degree of responsibility for such offenses attaching to particular members of the enemy forces "including members of the general staff and others, however highly placed."

The statement officially given out is as follows:

"The conference, having considered the proposals for the creation of a league of nations, resolved that:

"It is essential to the maintenance of the world settlement which the associated nations now are not to establish that a league of nations be created to promote international cooperation and to provide safeguards against war. This league should be created as an integral part of the general treaty of peace and should be open to every civilized nation which can be relied upon to carry out its obligations."

"The members of the league should periodically meet in international conference and should have a permanent organization to carry out the business of the league in the intervals between the conferences."

"The conference therefore appoints a committee representative of all the associated governments to work out the details of the constitution and the functions of the league."

"The draft of resolutions in regard to breaches of the laws of war for presentation to the peace conference provides that a commission composed of two representatives apiece from the five great powers and five representatives to be elected by the other powers be appointed to inquire and report upon the following:

"First, the responsibility of the authors of the war; second, the facts as to breaches of the laws and customs of war committed by the forces of the German empire and their allies on land, on sea and in the air during the present war; third, the degree of responsibility for the offenses attaching to particular members of the enemy's forces, including members of the general staff and other individuals; however, highly placed; fourth, any other matters cognate or ancillary to the above which may arise in the course of the inquiry and which the commission finds it useful and relevant to take into consideration."

"The resolutions were adopted without change."

The session of the peace conference opened at 3 o'clock this evening in the Salle de la Paix of the foreign office with the same imposing setting as the first session, but with little of the official pomp of the first session.

## Auto Show Programs

It has come to the attention of the management of the Third Annual Tulsa Automobile Show that someone is soliciting advertising for what is purported to be the official program of the show. No program containing advertising will be permitted inside the exhibition building. The daily program will be carried on the front page of the local newspaper daily and any program that may be used within the exhibition building will not contain advertising.

## HOUSE PASSES HASTINGS AMENDMENT ON OIL LEASES

World's Washington Bureau.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—By a vote of 88 to 69 the House today adopted the Hastings amendment to the Indian appropriation bill permitting the superintendent to lease to Indians on uncontracted gas and oil leases. The bill was then passed without a record vote. It will be taken up in the Senate week after next.

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